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1. Considerable improvement has been made in the technical approach which we have been taking to ELINT problems. This has resulted largely from improved team work within the OEL structure and has reflected credit on all organizational elements. The broadest example of the total OEL approach to our mutual problems is the consolidation of our equipment requirements for Data Processing.

2. I believe that further improvement in the efficiency and effectiveness of OEL can be achieved by applying the OEL team approach to problems earlier than is now commonly done. A step in this direction has been taken in the "SOP for Flying Squads" recently developed by OPD in which concurrent operational and technical planning is spelled out.

3. All new operations should incorporate technical representation in the planning stage in order to provide maximum lead time and exploit the technical systems planning and design review procedures which are now functioning. Assignment of S&D personnel to provide technical assistance to new projects will be made by DAD/S&D or AD/OEL at the request of DAD/IO.

4. I am sure that the improvement in our operations will continue if we exploit further the full potential of the OEL team and I solicit your cooperation in this important matter.